(b) whether Government has taken remedial steps to contain and reduce the activities of ISI through Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Government has seen the media reports in this regard.

(b) and (c) The Government has been regularly taking up various security related matters including misuse of Bangladesh Territory for activities inimical to India with Bangladesh authorities at various levels. In order to deal with militancy, efforts of the State Governments are being supplemented by the Central Government through various measures such as deployment of additional Central Security Forces including Army; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for local police forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernization Scheme; provision of assistance for strengthening various aspect of security apparatus and other aspects of anti-militancy operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; assistance to the States for raising of additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc.

Satutory development board for Konkan

†2000. SHRI Y.P. REDDY :

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to the Central Government to make an independent 'Statutory Development Board' for Konkan region;

(b) if so, when the proposal was sent; and

(c) the present status of this proposal and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Government of Maharashtra had sent in December 2005 to the Government of India, a Resolution passed by both the Houses of Maharashtra State Legislature recommending the establishment of a separate Development Board for Konkan region of the State. The matter is under examination.

Infiltration in different states of the country

†2001. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the cases of cross border infiltration in different States of the country by foreign infiltrators at different borders of the country during last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.